

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions  
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA  
DATE: 4/20/2006**

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR  
COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Subject:** Conduct a public hearing and approve the proposed amendment to the Continuous Service Program Initiation fee in the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004, amending the fee to a one-time charge.

**Requesting Department: AE**

This action requests City Council to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on, and to approve, the change proposed by Austin Energy to the Electric Rate Schedule in Exhibit A of Ordinance 20050912-004, regarding the Continuous Service Program, currently entitled the Multifamily Partnership Program.

The Continuous Service Initiation fee approved in the FY 2005-2006 budget is described as a fee of \$20 per apartment unit which the utility charges to enter multifamily properties into the Multi Partnership Program, including setting up the manager account for each unit. The utility has previously charged this fee each time the ownership of the property changed to enter the new owner and/or manager into the program.

This amendment to the ordinance will change the fee structure so that the fee will be charged only one time per apartment unit, irrespective of ownership changes, so long as the apartment property remains in the program and there is no break in continuous service delivery.